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SUBJECT: MILITARY TRAINING ASSISTANCE IN US/HOST COUNTRY

JOINT STATE DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. DURING RECENT VISIT TO POSTS, AF REP DISCUSSED AT LENGTH TRAINING AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES WITH DAO'S AND HOST COUNTRY OFFICERS. INTEREST IN US TRAINING IS INCREASING AND IN ORDER FOR US TO BE RESPONSIVE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS AND COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL.

2. EUCOM HAS A FULL TIME US OFFICER IN LAGOS WHO HAS THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY TO COORDINATE MILITARY ASSISTANCE MATTERS INCLUDING NIGERIA'S TRAINING NEEDS IN US MILITARY SCHOOLS. PROPOSAL IS THAT THIS OFFICER ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR, AS REQUIRED, SPEND SOME TIME IN ACCRA, ABIDJAN AND DAKAR WITH DAO'S AND HOST COUNTRY OFFICERS IN ORDER TO

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GIVE ASSISTANCE TO US TRAINING EFFORT. THIS WOULD

ACCOMPLISH TWO MAJOR OBJECTIVES: (1) SHOW USG INTEREST
IN TRAINING AND UPGRADING OF HOST COUNTRY ARMED FORCES AND
(2) ENABLE THE DAO TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO HOST COUNTRY
REQUIREMENTS. KISSINGER

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